

PHECC CPG

Categorisation and Implementation Guidance

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1	Nov 2019	New document
2	Aug 2021	Updated 2021 CPGs

Context

Council's decision (14th June 2018) to withdraw from granting exemptions to Licensed CPG Providers led to an instruction to the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) to review current CPGs and provide guidance to Licensed CPG Providers regarding the implementation of CPGs. This guidance also provides a standard for the conduction of Governance Validation Framework assessment of PHECC Licensed CPG Providers.

Process

A two-stage survey process was undertaken, all CPGs were assessed and categorised into the following categories.

Category	Implementation Guidance
Core-CPG	This CPG shall be implemented in full by the Licensed CPG Provider.
Core-CPG with specified element(s) or action(s)	This CPG shall be implemented by the Licensed CPG Provider. However, implementation of specified element(s) or action(s) in this CPG may be determined by the Provider in consultation with their Medical Director.
Non-Core CPG	The implementation of this CPG may be determined by the Licensed CPG Provider, in consultation with their Medical Director.

Decision: The following categories and implementation guidance are assigned to each CPG:

CPG Name	CPG #	EMT	Identified Element	CPG #	Paramedic	Identified Element	CPG #	Advanced Paramedic	Identified Element
PRINCIPLES OF GENERAL CARE									
Primary Survey Medical – Adult	4/5/6.1.2	Core		4/5/6.1.2	Core		4/5/6.1.2	Core	
Primary Survey Trauma – Adult	4/5/6.1.3	Core		4/5/6.1.3	Core		4/5/6.1.3	Core	
Secondary Survey Medical – Adult	4.1.5	Core		5/6.1.5	Core		5/6.1.5	Core	
Secondary Survey Trauma – Adult	4.1.6	Core		5/6.1.6	Core		5/6.1.6	Core	
AIRWAY AND BREATHING									
Foreign Body Airway Obstruction – Adult	4/5.2.1	Core		4/5.2.1	Core		6.2.1	Core	
Advanced Airway Management – Adult	4.2.2	Core		5/6.2.2	Core		5/6.2.2	Core	
Abnormal Work of Breathing – Adult	4/5/6.2.3	Core		4/5/6.2.3	Core		4/5/6.2.3	Core	
Exacerbation of COPD	4/5/6.2.4	Core		4/5/6.2.4	Core		4/5/6.2.4	Core	
Asthma – Adult	4/5/6.2.5	Core		4/5/6.2.5	Core		4/5/6.2.5	Core	
Acute Pulmonary Oedema – Adult				5/6.2.6	Core		5/6.2.6	Core	
Emergency Tracheostomy Management	4/5/6.2.7	Core		4/5/6.2.7	Core		4/5/6.2.7	Core	
CARDIAC									
Acute Coronary Syndrome	4.3.1	Core		5/6.3.1	Core		5/6.3.1	Core	
Symptomatic Bradycardia – Adult	4/5/6.3.2	Core		4/5/6.3.2	Core		4/5/6.3.2	Core	
Tachyarrhythmia Overview				5/6.3.3	Core		5/6.3.3	Core	

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Tachyarrhythmia Narrow QRS/Regular Rate - Adult				5/6.3.4	Core		5/6.3.4	Core	
Tachyarrhythmia Wide QRS/Regular Rate - Adult							6.3.5	Core	
Tachyarrhythmia Irregular Rate - Adult							6.3.6	Core	
CIRCULATION									
Shock from Blood Loss (non-trauma) – Adult				5/6.4.1	Core		5/6.4.1	Core	
Epistaxis	4/5/6.4.2	Core		4/5/6.4.2	Core		4/5/6.4.2	Core	
MEDICAL									
Adrenal Insufficiency – Adult				5/6.5.1	Core		5/6.5.1	Core	
Decompression Illness (DCI)	4/5/6.5.2	Core		4/5/6.5.2	Core		4/5/6.5.2	Core	
Glycaemic Emergency – Adult	4/5/6.5.3	Core with Element	Ketone Measurement	4/5/6.5.3	Core with Element	Ketone Measurement	4/5/6.5.3	Core with Element	Ketone Measurement
Sickle Cell Crisis – Adult	4/5/6.5.4	Core		4/5/6.5.4	Core		4/5/6.5.4	Core	
Significant Nausea & Vomiting – Adult				5/6.5.5	Core		5/6.5.5	Core	
NEUROLOGICAL									
Altered Level of Consciousness – Adult	4.6.1	Core		5/6.6.1	Core		5/6.6.1	Core	
Pain Management – Adult	4/5/6.6.2	Core		4/5/6.6.2	Core		4/5/6.6.2	Core	
Seizure/Convulsion – Adult	4.6.3	Core		5/6.6.3	Core		5/6.6.3	Core	
Stroke	4.6.4	Core		5/6.6.4	Core		5/6.6.4	Core	

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Procedural Sedation/Analgesia – Adult							6.6.5	Non-Core	
BEHAVIOURAL AND MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES									
Mental Health Emergency	4/5.7.1	Core		4/5.7.1	Core		6.7.1	Core	
Behavioural Emergency	4/5/6.7.2	Core		4/5/6.7.2	Core		4/5/6.7.2	Core	
TRAUMA									
Burns – Adult	4/5/6.8.1	Core		4/5/6.8.1	Core		4/5/6.8.1	Core	
Crush Injury				5/6.8.2	Core		5/6.8.2	Core	
External Haemorrhage – Adult	4/5/6.8.3	Core with Element	Dressing with haemostatic agent	4/5/6.8.3	Core with Element	Wound Clip	4/5/6.8.3	Core with Element	Wound Clip
Harness Induced Suspension Trauma	4/5/6.8.4	Core		4/5/6.8.4	Core		4/5/6.8.4	Core	
Head Injury - Adult	4.8.5	Core		5/6.8.5	Core		5/6.8.5	Core	
Limb Injury – Adult	4/5/6.8.6	Core		4/5/6.8.6	Core		4/5/6.8.6	Core	
Actual/Potential Shock from Blood Loss (trauma) – Adult				5/6.8.7	Core		5/6.8.7	Core	
Spinal Injury Management				5/6.8.8	Core		5/6.8.8	Core	
Submersion/Immersion Incident	4/5/6.8.9	Core		4/5/6.8.9	Core		4/5/6.8.9	Core with Element	Consider Nasogastric tube
Traumatic Cardiac Arrest – Adult				5/6.8.10	Core		5/6.8.10	Core	

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ENVIRONMENTAL									
Hypothermia	4.9.1	Core		5/6.9.1	Core		5/6.9.1	Core with Element	Warmed I.V Fluid
Heat Related Emergency – Adult	4/5/6.9.2	Core		4/5/6.9.2	Core		4/5/6.9.2	Core	
TOXICOLOGY									
Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis – Adult	4/5/6.10.1	Core		4/5/6.10.1	Core		4/5/6.10.1	Core	
Poisons – Adult	4/5.10.2	Core		4/5.10.2	Core		6.10.2	Core	
INFECTIOUS									
Sepsis – Adult	4/5/6.11.1	Core		4/5/6.11.1	Core		4/5/6.11.1	Core	
MATERNAL									
Pregnancy Related Emergencies	4/5/6.12.1	Core		4/5/6.12.1	Core		4/5/6.12.1	Core	
Pre-Hospital Emergency Childbirth	4/5/6.12.2	Core		4/5/6.12.2	Core		4/5/6.12.2	Core	
Malpresentations	4/5/6.12.3	Core		4/5/6.12.3	Core		4/5/6.12.3	Core	
Shoulder Dystocia	4/5/6.12.4	Core		4/5/6.12.4	Core		4/5/6.12.4	Core	
Umbilical Cord Complications	4/5/6.12.5	Core		4/5/6.12.5	Core		4/5/6.12.5	Core	
Post pregnancy care	4/5/6.12.6	Core		4/5/6.12.6	Core		4/5/6.12.6	Core	
New-Born Neonatal Care and Resuscitation	4/5/6.12.7	Core		4/5/6.12.7	Core with Element	Manual Defibrillation	4/5/6.12.7	Core	
Neonatal Resuscitation (≤ 6 weeks)	4/5/6.12.8	Core		4/5/6.12.8	Core		4/5/6.12.8	Core	

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PAEDIATRIC									
Primary Survey Medical – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.1	Core		4/5/6.13.1	Core		4/5/6.13.1	Core	
Primary Survey Trauma – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.2	Core		4/5/6.13.2	Core		4/5/6.13.2	Core	
Secondary Survey – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.4	Core		4/5/6.13.4	Core		4/5/6.13.4	Core	
Foreign Body Airway Obstruction – Paediatric	4/5.13.5	Core		4/5.13.5	Core		6.13.5	Core	
Advanced Airway Management – Paediatric				5.13.6	Core		6.13.6	Core	
Abnormal Work of Breathing– Paediatric	4/5/6.13.7	Core		4/5/6.13.7	Core		4/5/6.13.7	Core	
Asthma – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.8	Core		4/5/6.13.8	Core		4/5/6.13.8	Core	
Stridor – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.9	Core with Element	Humidified O2	4/5/6.13.9	Core with Element	Humidified O2	4/5/6.13.9	Core with Element	Humidified O2
Adrenal Insufficiency – Paediatric				5/6.13.10	Core		5/6.13.10	Core	
Glycaemic Emergency – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.11	Core with Element	Ketone Measurement	4/5/6.13.11	Core with Element	Ketone Measurement	4/5/6.13.11	Core with Element	Ketone Measurement
Sickle Cell Crisis – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.12	Core		4/5/6.13.12	Core		4/5/6.13.12	Core	
Pain Management – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.13	Core		4/5/6.13.13	Core		4/5/6.13.13	Core	
Seizure/Convulsion – Paediatric	4.13.14	Core		5/6.13.14	Core		5/6.13.14	Core	
Burns – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.15	Core		4/5/6.13.15	Core		4/5/6.13.15	Core	
External Haemorrhage – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.16	Core with Element	Dressing with haemostatic agent	4/5/6.13.16	Core with Element	Wound Clip	4/5/6.13.16	Core with Element	Wound Clip

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Actual/Potential Shock from Blood Loss (trauma) – Paediatric	4.13.17	Core		5/6.13.17	Core		5/6.13.17	Core	
Limb Injury – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.18	Core		4/5/6.13.18	Core		4/5/6.13.18	Core	
Pyrexia – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.19	Core		4/5/6.13.19	Core		4/5/6.13.19	Core	
Sepsis – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.20	Core		4/5/6.13.20	Core		4/5/6.13.20	Core	
Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.21	Core		4/5/6.13.21	Core		4/5/6.13.21	Core	
Basic Life Support – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.22	Core		4/5/6.13.22	Core with Element	Manual Defibrillation	4/5/6.13.22	Core	
VF or pVT – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.23	Core		4/5/6.13.23	Core with Element	Manual Defibrillation	4/5/6.13.23	Core	
Asystole/PEA – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.24	Core		4/5/6.13.24	Core		4/5/6.13.24	Core	
Symptomatic Bradycardia – Paediatric	4/5/6.13.25	Core		4/5/6.13.25	Core		4/5/6.13.25	Core	
Post-Resuscitation Care – Paediatric	4.13.26	Core		5/6.13.26	Core		5/6.13.26	Core	
Procedural Sedation/Analgesia - Paediatric							6.13.27	Non-Core	
RESUSCITATION									
Basic Life Support – Adult	4/5/6.14.1	Core		4/5/6.14.1	Core with Element	Manual Defibrillation	4/5/6.14.1	Core	
VF or pVT – Adult	4/5/6.14.2	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device	4/5/6.14.2	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device	4/5/6.14.2	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device
Asystole – Adult	4.14.3	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device	5/6.14.3	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device	5/6.14.3	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device
Asystole – Decision Tree				5/6.14.4	Core		5/6.14.4	Core	

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Pulseless Electrical Activity – Adult	4/5/6.14.5	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device	4/5/6.14.5	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device	4/5/6.14.5	Core with Element	Mechanical CPR Device
Post-Resuscitation Care – Adult	4.14.6	Core		5/6.14.6	Core		5/6.14.6	Core	
Recognition of Death – Resuscitation not Indicated	4.14.7	Core		5/6.14.7	Core		5/6.14.7	Core	
Team Resuscitation	4/5/6.14.8	Core		4/5/6.14.8	Core		4/5/6.14.8	Core	
PALLIATIVE CARE									
End of Life – DNAR	4.15.1	Core		5/6.15.1	Core		5/6.15.1	Core	
Palliative Care - Adult				5/6.15.2	Non-Core		5/6.15.2	Non-Core	
OPERATIONS									
Major Emergency (Major Incident) – First Practitioners on site	4/5/6.16.1	Core		4/5/6.16.1	Core		4/5/6.16.1	Core	
Major Emergency (Major Incident) – Operational Control	4/5/6.16.2	Core		4/5/6.16.2	Core		4/5/6.16.2	Core	
Triage Sieve	4/5/6.16.3	Core with Element	Dressing haemostatic agent	4/5/6.16.3	Core		4/5/6.16.3	Core	
Triage Sort				5/6.16.4	Core		5/6.16.4	Core	
Conducted Electrical Weapon (Taser)				5/6.16.5	Core		5/6.16.5	Core	
Verification of Death				5/6.16.6	Core		5/6.16.6	Core	
PATIENT DISPOSITION									
Clinical Care Pathway Decision – Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.1	Non-Core	
Hypoglycaemia – Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.2	Non-Core	

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Isolated Seizure – Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.3	Non-Core	
Toothache - Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.4	Non-Core	
Pepper (Oleoresin) spray - Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.5	Non-Core	
Non-injury following trauma - Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.6	Non-Core	
Mild Bronchospasm - Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.7	Non-Core	
Epistaxis - Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.8	Non-Core	
Mild Allergy - Non-conveyance Adult							6.17.9	Non-Core	



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